

## DETAILED ACTION

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the ABSTRACT, lines 1-4,** "The present invention applies to the surveillance of, in particular civil, air traffic, and more particularly, to cooperative aircraft ground systems which make it possible to pinpoint in radial distance and in azimuth the aircraft present in a certain volume and to interrogate them. The invention" **has been replaced with: --A method and a device which--**

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With respect to claims 1 and 8, the prior art failed to teach or render obvious the selection of the time windows, where each time window tagging in the reception signal a stable part of a pulse whose position has been tagged and whose tagged position coincides with a determined potential position, and the reference value being the value taken predominantly by samples of the reception signal, these samples being situated in the selected time windows. The prior art teaches various methods for detecting a reception

signal in a secondary radar. However, none of the prior art either singularly or in combination teaches the claimed system.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isam Alsomiri whose telephone number is 571-272-6970. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Tarcza can be reached on 571-272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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